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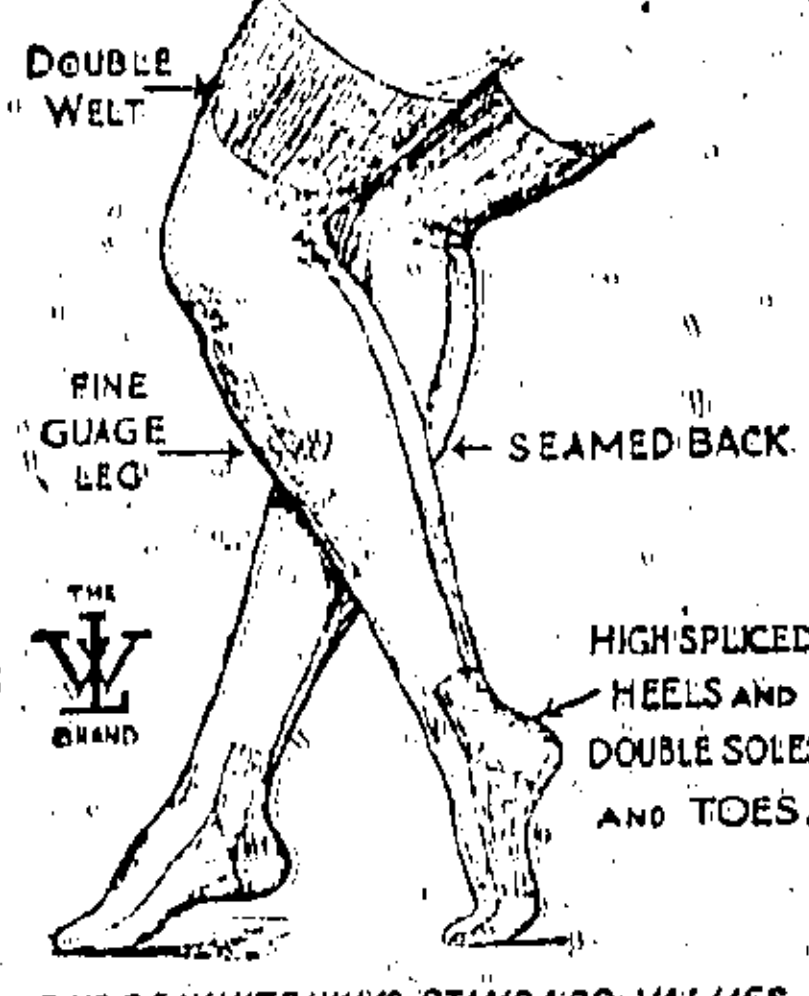


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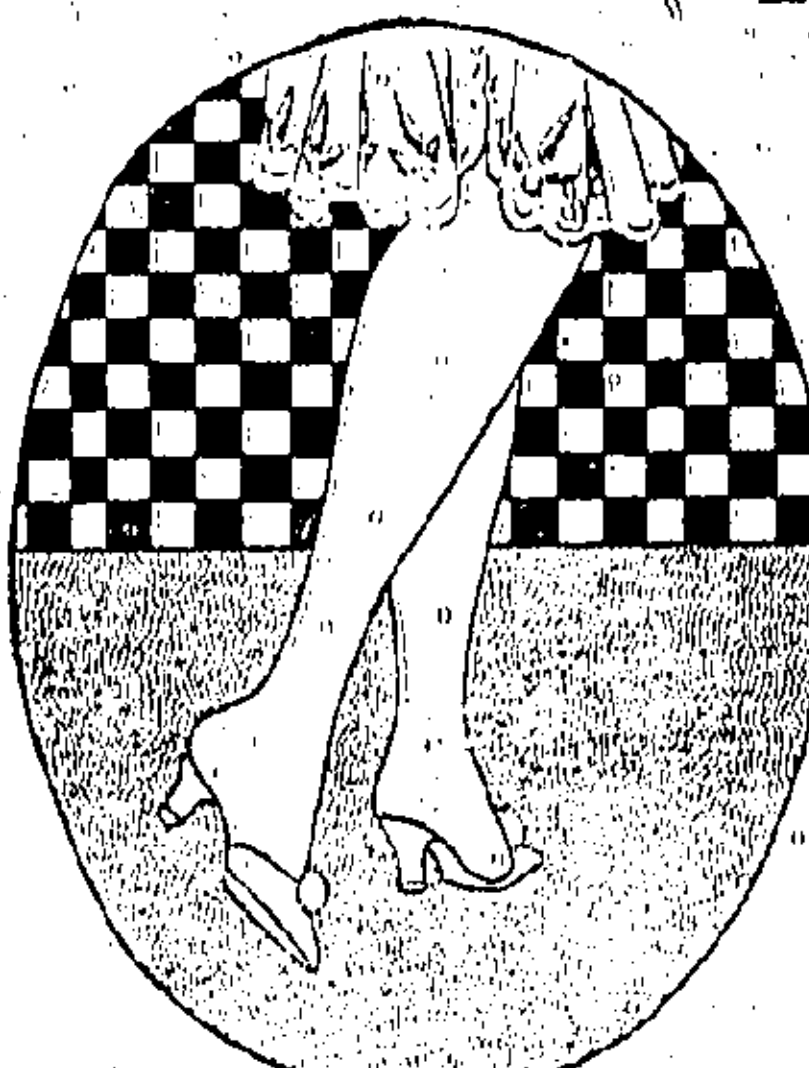
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Additional precautions are being taken by the Powers, the United States having decided to send still another detachment of fifteen hundred Marines, and Britain having decided to send a Royal Air Force Squadron consisting of reconnaissance machines.

AMERICA'S ANXIETY.

Another Fifteen Hundred Marines.
Washington, April 8.—The Government has decided to send fifteen hundred more marines to China.
Admiral Williams has informed the Navy Department that conditions at Hankow are steadily worsening.
The Chinese authorities are apparently not trying to check lawlessness.—Reuter's American Service.

MORE PLANES.

A Squadron Ordered To China.
London, April 8.—One of the Air Force squadrons stationed at Ramsgate has been ordered to China.—Reuter.
Reconnaissance Machines.
Rugby, April 8.—The No. 2 Army Co-operation Squadron of the Royal Air Force are under orders to proceed to China, though the date of departure is not settled.
The Squadron is equipped with reconnaissance and not bombing machines, and is the first air force unit detailed for China.—British Wireless Service.

JAPAN'S DECISION.

Matter For War Minister's Discretion.
Tokyo, April 7.—The Cabinet Council has decided that no more troops shall be sent to China at present, but the War Minister is empowered to use his own discretion regarding the possible future requirements.—Reuter.

RADIO ITEMS.

Dutch Wreck Rescues Mentioned.
Rugby, April 8.—Latest advices from China include the following items:—
At Wuhu the commanding officer of the British warship "Caradoc" was asked by the Cantonese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs for a list of houses owned by British and American subjects, the object being to protect them by putting up posters. The request was complied with.
All British subjects have now left Wenchow except five Customs officials and one woman missionary.
The shipping strike at Kiukiang has been settled on practically the same terms offered three months ago.
Fourteen hundred Chinese have been rescued by the British warships "Dragon," "Stormcloud" and "Frobisher" from the "Tjilbeet," a Dutch vessel wrecked at Lingting Island.—British Wireless Service.

WANG CHING-WEL.

Canton Paper And His Return.
Yesterday's "Canton Gazette" contains the following item:—
Shanghai, April 4 (by telegraph)—The British propaganda campaign to magnify the small differences amongst the leaders of the Kuomintang, is now completely upset by the return to China of Mr. Wang Ching-wel who, when he left Canton last year on sick leave, was the Chairman of the Nationalist Government.
Mr. Wang arrived at Shanghai from Paris where he has been under medical treatment. He has been welcomed by General Chiang Kai-shek who last year was considered his political opponent.
It is authoritatively stated in Nationalist circles here that Mr.

TO KILL A MAN!

How Agitators Are Executed.

OLD TIME SWORD & AUTHORITY.

"Relics" of Imperial China are still used to-day for putting a man to death. Such "implements" are embellished with all their former grandeur, the better to serve as a warning to others.
Photos are shown here of a sword, accoutrement and the "authority" of a Northern general.
Whereas the Cantonese use the more modern firearm to carry out executions, the Northerners adhere to the execution methods of monarchy days. The Northerners, or Fengtienites as they are also called, mostly come from the provinces forming Manchuria and the two "metropolitan" provinces, where the glory of a defunct dynasty has taken longest time to fade out. Hence the survival of the "head chopping." Used at Shanghai.

The photographs reproduced herewith were taken at the barrier just outside the International Settlement, Shanghai, at the junction of North Chekiang and Elgin Roads where the Northerners had been busy with agitators prior to the entry of the Southerners.



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On the left is the heavy sword, bespattered with blood. In the left centre is a leather scabbard, with straps, buckle, etc. The hilt of the sword bears a chop. The handle is bound in red and green cord, around which is tied strips of cloth in the same colours.
Both sword and scabbard stand against a "background" of fancy work, to which the sword and sheath, are secured when borne about in public.

Emphasising Authority.
In the centre is a triangular flag of yellow silk, attached to a brown bamboo pole, at the bottom of which is a black arrow head.

A Chinese word (character) is on both the centre of the small flag and the arrow head. It means "authority" and, as such, can only be issued by division headquarters. No general who has anything less than a division under him is entitled to display such "authority"—in this case, for an execution.

On the right hand side of the picture is a yellow cover in oil silk. This cover goes over the triangular flag when the whole thing is wrapped up, and it extends down to the foot of the pole, i.e., to just above the black arrow head.



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This photo shows the equipment rolled up for carrying about. Least there should be any mistake about the authority, the "character" on the arrow-head still shows. In this case, the silk cover is also

HEROIC WOMEN.

Brave Deeds of the War Recalled.

LONDON PAYS ITS TRIBUTE.

Rugby, April 8.
The four gallant French women who sheltered British soldiers at the risk of their lives in their homes behind the German lines during the war were honoured by the citizens of London to-day.

They were received by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress at a great gathering at the Mansion House, and addresses of thanks were presented to them, together with annuities that will maintain them in comfort.

The French women were Madame Cardon, Madame Belmont Gobert, Madame Lesure, her daughter, and Madame Baudhuin.

The Lord Mayor recited their acts of heroism.
Madame Cardon of Villame and her husband concealed Corporal Hill, of the Eleventh Hussars, for thirteen months. Then Hill was betrayed and shot by the Germans.

Madame Cardon was condemned to death but sentence was commuted to twenty years' hard labour. M. Cardon escaped but right up to Armistice led a life of incredible suffering. He died a few years ago the victim of his courage in harbouring a British soldier.

Another tragedy followed the shooting of Corporal Hill. When his mother heard of his death she lost her reason and never recovered it wholly. When she was told last Friday that her son's benefactor was coming to London, she seemed overjoyed in the prospect of seeing Madame Cardon. Then she suddenly fell back dead.

As the Lord Mayor told the story Corporal Hill's father, who was present, went down on his knees, and kissed the shoes of Madame Cardon. His tribute moved many spectators to tears.
Mademoiselle Belmont Gobert, and her daughter, sheltered for four years trooper Fowler, of the Eleventh Hussars, concealing him in a wardrobe. They were in constantly faced with the problem of obtaining food for Fowler, and a large portion of the food which came into the poor home was purchased with the proceeds of embroidery and other work.

Madame Baudhuin sheltered Private Cruickshanks, of the Cameronians at Leicester. She and the soldier were brought before a German court martial, when she made so impassioned an appeal for the British boy that the tribunal commuted his sentence to one of imprisonment.—British Wireless Service.

be-smattered with blood. Near the top two Chinese national flags (five horizontal stripes) are crossed and the flags are in colours. A fancy border in red adorns the edges of the cover.

From the Great General.
Stamped in the middle of the cover are words which mean:—
"Vice commander-in-chief of the Ankuochun (i.e., Northern Army), concurrently commander-in-chief of the Allied Armies of Chihli and Shantung provinces—Chang."

The Chang in this instance is General Chang Tsung-chang, Tapan of Shantung province, right hand man of Marshal Chang Tso-lin and now fighting the Cantonese to the North of Nanking.

In effect, the soldier bearers of this "authority" are from Chang Tsung-chang's own command.

Spectators Must Kneel.

The complete outfit consists of two separate parts. The sword, in its scabbard and dangle from the cloth "background" shown in the upper photo, is carried by the executioner proper. The small flag, with the cover over it (as in the lower illustration) is borne in triumph by the escort—
in triumph because all Chinese who pass it are expected to kneel down immediately and thereby show their respect for it.

Such executions are carried out generally in some conspicuous spot, so as to be a lesson to the greatest number. With the arrow-head resting on the ground and the flag flying, a cord is put around the victim who is held down firmly, and the wielder of the sword removes his head in one stroke.

TO JOIN HANDS?

What Chiang & Chang May Do.

LATEST ANTI-COMMUNIST COUPS

[By "Li Chung-yn."]
If there is still a possibility that Marshal Chang Tso-lin of Peking and General Chiang Kai-shek are to join hands in unifying China, their respective "coups" against Communist elements are most significant.

On the one hand, the Fengtien chieftain shows his dislike of Bolshevism by raiding the "Reds." The next day the Southern commander-in-chief makes his most decisive move against the Hankow extremists.

To discount this, is the fact that the Cantonese vanguards have not been given the order to halt, although they have marched a good distance north of the bridge-head at Nanking. And General Chang Tsung-chang has been counter-attacking.

The Element of Doubt.
Can one reason about this or that Chinese military situation as one can about such situations elsewhere?

First of all, Chang Tsung-chang engages in an enormous enterprise of ferrying an entire armoured train across the Yangtse by lashing junks together in primitive fashion, then moving the cars across a stream two miles wide—a feat accomplished by "White" Russian engineers—so that the armoured train, manned by "White" Russian mercenaries, can be used against the Cantonese.

With considerable sacrifice, Chang Tsung-chang withdraws all his men and guns northwards and the Southerners are made a gift of Shanghai.

Mockery of Warfare.
Marshal Chang Tso-lin drains Manchuria of all available troops for active service in Honan and Kiangsu provinces. The Mukden Warlord's lieutenant (Chang Tsung-chang) withdraws some of his men (nearer Peking) into Shantung while still dangle a spear-head in the eyes of the Kuomintang advance guards.

Every time that a real trial of strength appears imminent, a real clash is avoided by tortuous intrigues and purchased treacheries. What if Fengtien's superior troops, and their better equipment and modern material are balanced by expert "Red" Russian strategy, the appeal of Chiang Kai-shek's name and the sympathy of the masses? The whole civil war may be decided without another shot being fired.

One At a Time.

Irrespective of whether Mr. Wang Ching-wai (the Kuomintang chairman) has thrown in his lot with Chiang Kai-shek or not, the chances are that the Cantonese military leader will not yet risk an actual trial by combat with his so-called colleagues at Hankow. True, his loyal 4th Army, has crossed from Kiangsi into Hunan to sit on the line between Hankow and Canton, but greater issues have to be settled first. From the way that he has moved in the field, Chiang Kai-shek does not appear to favour a compromise with Peking—at least not while he can do without it. His policy, even before he became commander-in-chief (in fact when he was no more than head of the Whampoa Cadet Academy) has been to play one side against the other. It is only logical to anticipate that he will fight one foe instead of two.

Stronger on Paper.

As long as he wins in battle, he will concentrate on the march North but, there again, the Northerners have a strong entrenchment at Hsuechow (on the junction of the Nanking-Peking and Lung-Hai Railways) and a natural last ditch in the Yellow River.

Not till all danger from the Fengtien Party is removed is he likely to invade the territory controlled by the Hankow extremists.

On paper, Chiang Kai-shek is much stronger than his rivals in the Kuomintang. The capture of Shanghai gives him the power at one time exclusively held by Hankow.

The distant threat to Chang Tso-lin's flank of that formidable ally of the Cantonese (the "Christian" general, Feng Yu-hsiang) will be more apparent when summer has set in.

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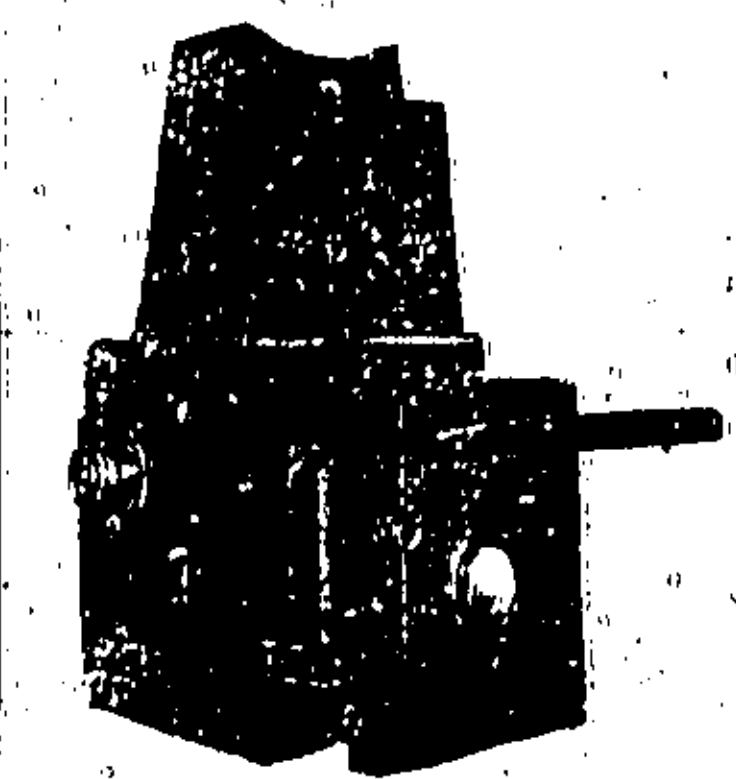
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The wife alleged that the husband had left her for another woman and referred to a "curly-haired girl" in Pottinger Street with whom she alleged her husband was living.

The husband's reply was that this was merely platonic friendship. The girl was the cousin of a friend of his.

The husband was examined as to his means and said his salary was \$80 a month. He gave his mother \$50 a month, he stated.

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His Worship said he would adjourn the case whilst he thought the matter over. If he determined that he had power to make an order he would make one for \$20 a month for the woman.

TELEVISION ARRIVES.

New York, April 8. Television has been formally introduced to the American public Mr. Hoover, from Washington, conversed with Mr. Gifford, President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company at New York while the apparatus showed on the screen a clear animated picture of Mr. Hoover as he spoke two hundred miles away.—Reuter's American Service.

Washington, April 8.—President Coolidge has appointed as commissioner, the former War Minister Mr. Stimson, to go to Nicaragua to report on the state of affairs.—Reuter's American Service.

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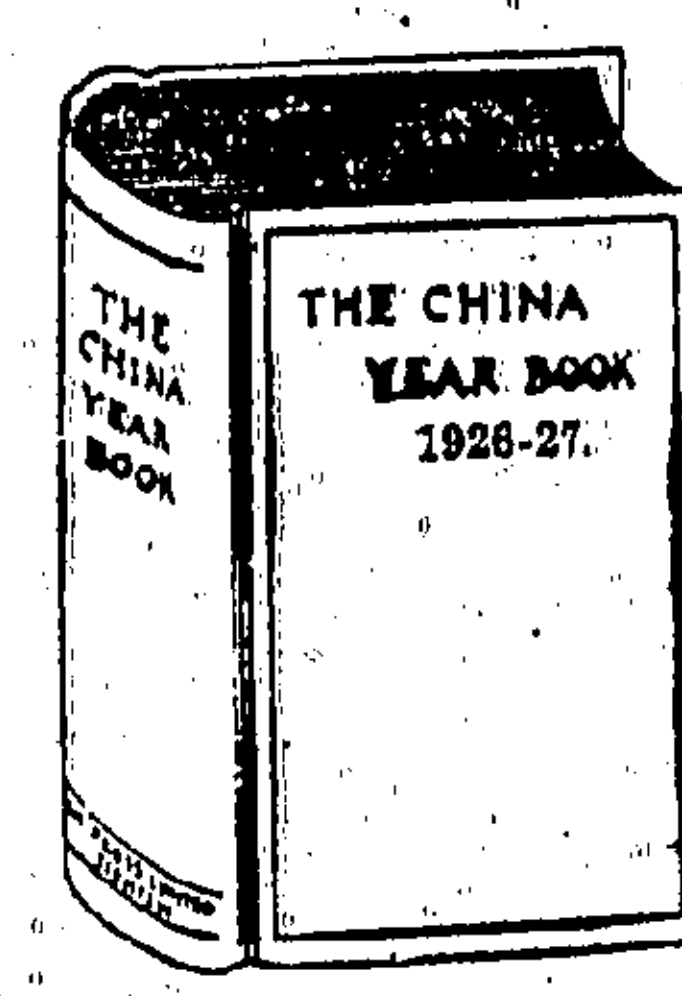
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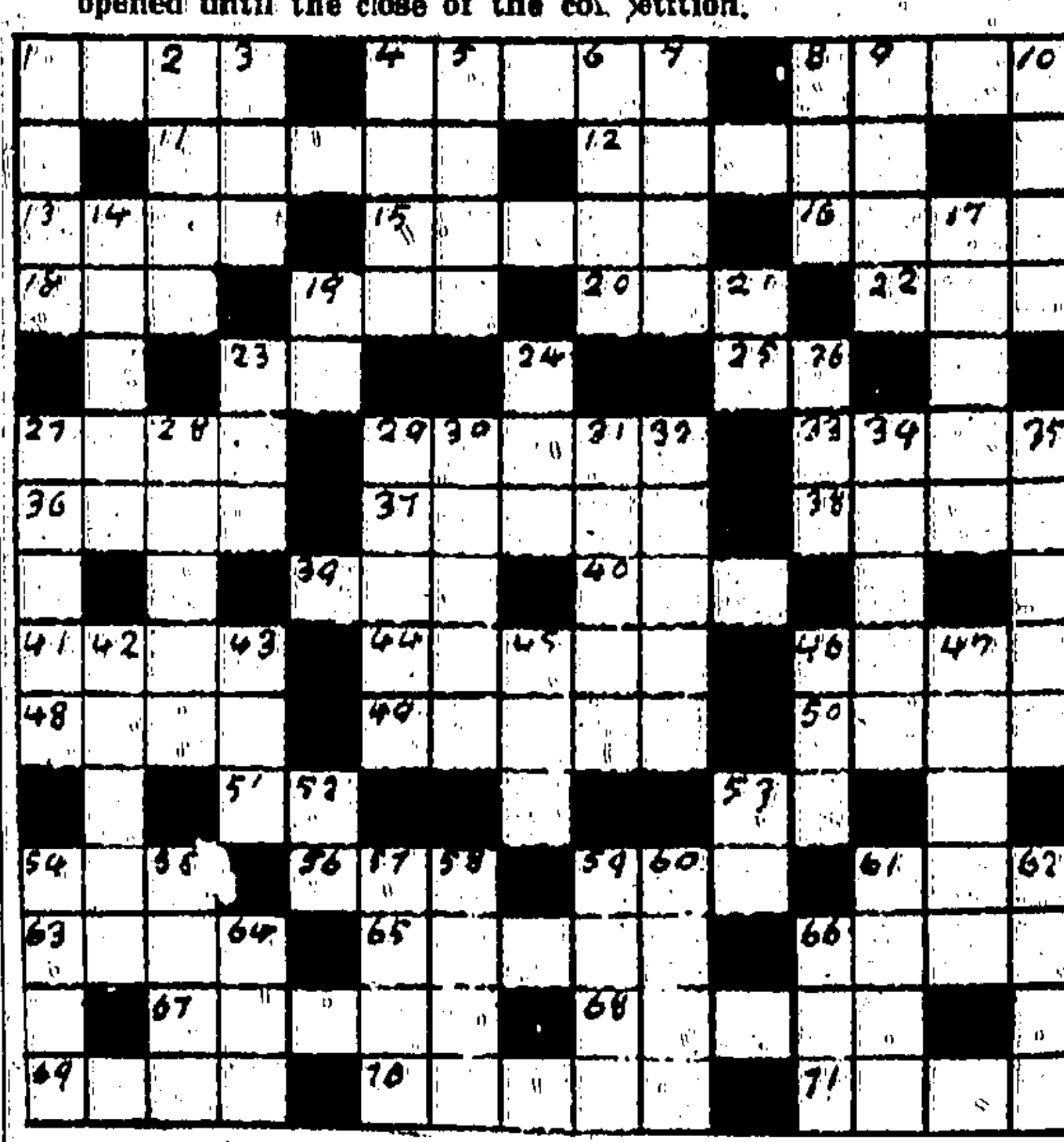
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| <p>Clues Across:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A recess. 4. Smelling. 8. Anything spiral. 11. A bird with a long neck. 12. In advance. 13. To boast. 15. It is pleasing to me. 16. Manner of walking. 18. To corrode. 19. A town in Scotland. 20. Organ of sight. 22. LLH (actual). 23. The indefinite article. 25. New York (abbrev). 27. Fuel. 28. Gross. 30. Original man (bib). 36. Pointed; as a cross. 37. Kingly. 38. Transparent rock-forming mineral. 39. A habitation. 40. Anything small. 41. A ribbon for the waist. 44. A narrow strip of leather. 46. An ornament for flowers. 48. Lizards. 49. A large fishing net. 50. Emmets. 51. Masculine pronoun. 53. Above and touching. 54. The top or point of anything. 56. NCP (actual). 58. Cost, insurance and freight (abbrev). 61. To describe clearly. 63. Pertaining to the ear. 65. Laryngitis. 66. To know (latin). 67. Dowy. 68. To dress gaudily. 69. Eyes. 70. Dairy food. 71. Destruction. | <p>Clues Down:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hippocrates' contrivance for reducing shoulder dislocations. 2. To scare away. 3. A unit of work. 4. Single in number. 5. A sly look. 6. A cape or headland. 7. Plural pronoun. 8. A witty person. 9. Freshhold estate. 10. A mowing. 14. One who rates. 17. Pertaining to the lower intestines. 19. The indefinite article. 21. EN (actual). 23. Consumed. 24. Having the strength exhausted. 26. Tropical, potato-like root. 27. A vibration. 28. Burnt up. 29. To deviate from the regular. 30. Annual income (Fr.). 31. The devil. 32. To slant. 34. A sofa. 35. Ship's officers. 42. Mythological evil demon. 43. HSH (actual). 45. A membrane. 46. A wagon or cart. 47. The ermine. 52. EN (actual). 53. Out from. 54. To entice. 55. A reel. 57. Style; fashion. 58. A magpie. 59. To yield. 60. Egyptian goddess. 61. A girl's name. 62. To prepare. 64. COE (actual). 66. A point. |
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NEW PROPOSAL BY LEAGUE COMMITTEE.

Proposals for setting up an International Labour Office on Shipping Matters to act as a sort of International Lloyd's were discussed at the meeting of the League of Nations Sub-Committee on Ports and Maritime Navigation in London.

The whole question of the establishment of a centralised transport information bureau at Geneva will be before the third general Transport Conference of the League to be held in Geneva next August.

The Committee, which met under the chairmanship of Sir Norman Hill, passed a resolution emphasising the desirability of the standardisation of tonnage measurements in order to secure the equalisation of canal dues.

The Committee also decided to transmit immediately to all maritime governments a report on buoyage and lighting of coasts with the view to the holding of a general or regional conference on this subject.

Another resolution drew the attention of all governments to the importance to commerce of crews being given full facilities for landing at ports.

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A ROMANTIC CAREER.

One of the most romantic of modern ship histories comes under notice by the report that the Peruvian s.s. "Amazonas," has been salvaged off the Scotland Light Vessel, hopelessly broken down. It is not often that a Cape mail steamer has the distinction of becoming a yacht, a treasure hunter, a transport, and finally a tramp steamer. The "Amazonas" was built as the Donald Currie steamer "Harlech Castle" by Barclay, Currie & Co. in 1894, a single-screw ship of just over 3,000 tons, with a speed of 12 1/2 knots and accommodation for 40 first-class passengers and up to 250 in the steerage. She ran uneventfully until 1900, when she became a troopship for the South African War. After the war she was trooping to Bermuda, but in 1904 the amalgamation of the old Union and Castle Companies rendered her surplus to requirements, and Earl Fitzwilliam bought her for use as a yacht, renaming her "Veronique." His idea was to take her treasure hunting to the pirates' dump on Cocos Island, but unfortunately a party from British Columbia were there first, and the treasure hunt developed into something like a pitched battle. The "Veronique" was left at Panama, and in 1905 sold to the Peruvian Navy, where she became the cruiser transport "Iquitos." In the early days of the war the shortage of tonnage persuaded the Navy to sell her for a very fair price, but they soon had her back on their hands, and it was not until 1920 that she finally became the cargo steamer "Amazonas." She was transferred in 1925, and has been tramping practically ever since.

VICE-ADMIRAL'S DEATH.

The death is announced of Vice-Admiral Judge d'Arcy, a Reuter. Vice-Admiral d'Arcy was on the retired list. He retired as Vice-Admiral on July 8, 1926. He was promoted to captain on June 30, 1910, and to Rear Admiral on May 2, 1921.

SHIPS IN PORT.

This morning there were 71 ocean-going merchant vessels in Hong Kong harbour, of which number 21 fly the British flag. During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to-day there were 17 arrivals (2 British) and 14 departures (6 British).

HARBOUR OBSTRUCTION.

Before Lt. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., in the Marine Court this morning, the owner of a cargo-boat was fined \$3 for causing an obstruction in the southern fairway of the harbour.

FISHING NET THEFTS.

Two men have been arrested at Tai O (Lantau Island) and charged in connection with this week's series of thefts of fishing nets from various places in the Colony's waters. Sixteen nets, valued at \$48, have been recovered by the Police.

LEAGUE AND SHIPPING.

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NAME OF NEW WARSHIPS.

It is notified by the Admiralty that the undermentioned ships of the 1926 programme will be named as follows:

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The Marine Engineers' Guild of China, Hong Kong branch, are holding an ordinary meeting at their office on Monday at 5 p.m.

This morning, the J.C.J.L. s.s. "Tjileboet" was still aground at Lingling Island (14 miles south of Hong Kong) where she ran ashore this week. Divers are still at work but are unable to do much on account of highly unfavourable weather.

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 23
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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Wednesday, 27th April.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KOESU MARU Saturday, 30th April.
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MENADO MARU Tuesday, 12th April.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 26th April.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
ARGUN MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 15th April.
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MAHAR	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
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NYANZA	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,005	17th June	Marseilles and London
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STEEL HOUSE VISIT.

"Mumme, the King and Queen are outside. They are knocking at our front door!"

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She nearly fainted. You see, we had just come back from a night shopping, on my return from the L.C.C. Greenwich subway. She bucked up courage and opened the door, and when we saw the King and Queen smile we could not be nervous any more. The King talked to me, and the Queen joined my wife in a tour of the house. The King and Queen spent 20 minutes in this steel house was then described by both Mr. and Mrs. Plant.

"One of My Boys."

The King at once saw a photograph of Mr. Plant in sailor's uniform on the wall. "Ah, one of my boys," he said, and began to question him about his career. Mr. Plant told him that during the war he was in H.M.S. "Macedonia," fighting as gunner in the Falkland Islands, served at Zeebrugge in H.M.S. "Hindustan," and was one of the R.N.R. men who escorted the body of the Unknown Warrior from Victoria to Westminster Abbey.

"How do you like a steel house?" asked the King, laughing heartily. Mr. Plant replied, "As a sailor I have lived in them all my life." The King tried the handle-bars of Mr. Plant's motor-cycle and pressed his hand on the saddle. "I hope you escape accidents," he said. "I am afraid the road has many dangers in these days." Caution pays.

While the Queen toured the house with Mrs. Plant she pointed out that she was looking for good heating and other conveniences, particularly labour-saving devices, and she thought the D.C.C. were striving admirably to this end.

Faith in No. 13.

"Well," said Mr. Plant, when his royal guests had gone, "I now absolutely refuse to believe that No. 13 is unlucky. I got appointed to No. 13 ship, a captured German whaler, and leave Capetown in it on December 13, sit 13 at table in a mess of 13, with the figure 13 over my head, become 'Leone' on the 13th after a safe journey, get home on the 13th, safe and sound, get a home number 13, and find myself the host of the King and Queen."

The visit of the King and Queen was in connection with the opening of the 17,000th house built by the L.C.C., which the Queen opened with a special key.

Later the King and Queen drove through the Bellingham Estate, examining the outside appearance of houses there and also went round the East Hill Estate at Wandsworth. Here the Queen visited the home of Police-constable Hopper.

MILITARY SENSATION.

Prague, March 6.

General Gajda, who was degraded and deprived of military rank, following a charge of spying for the Soviet, has won a libel action against Colonel Kratochvil. General Gajda contended that if incriminating documents were in existence they were forgeries and took action against Colonel Kratochvil as instigator of a campaign against him. The Court vindicated General Gajda and sentenced Colonel Kratochvil to six weeks' imprisonment with a fine of 5,000 crowns. A crowd of Fascists cheered General Gajda as he left the Court.

FACTORY INCIDENT.

THE QUEEN AND A LITTLE BOY.

"A VERY NICE BOY."

Nine hundred gifts, all in coloured overalls, lined the roadway and cheered the Queen when she visited Eastman's Dyeing and Cleaning Factory at Acton Vale, W.

With a courtly bow, John, the little son of Mr. Ralph Eastman, presented a bouquet to the Queen, who patting him on his curly head, said, "Thank you very much. That was a very nice bow." With the boy were Mr. Cyril Eastman's twin sons.

The firm has had entrusted to it for storage and treatment a number of tapestries and carpets from Marlborough House during its preparation as the residence of the Prince of Wales. The Queen wanted to see the carpets to note the effect of various kinds of rugs.

The Queen made a tour of many of the departments and watched the girls at work. She saw straw hats being painted and blocked, gloves cleaned and finished, and in the lace room she watched the girls with quickly moving fingers pick out the pattern on lace which was stretched across a large frame.

When the Queen had completed her tour, the girls rushed out to the roadway and gave the departing royal visitor a rousing cheer.



Dr. Heinrich Koehler, the new Finance Minister of Germany, who, in presenting his budget to the Reichstag, expressed grave doubts as to the ability of Germany to continue the payment of reparations as set up under the Dawes plan. Strengthening of German industry is a prerequisite to execution of the Dawes plan, he declared, and the industries of his country are now exceedingly weak.

MUDDLED CHARITY.

LADY RAVENSDALE'S PLEA FOR HOSPITAL.

"I think often we have a very muddled idea of charity. When asked for help, a woman exclaims, 'Oh, I cannot afford more than 2s.' and rushes off in a car or taxi to buy an expensive dress or listen in set, though I never seem to hear anything but speeches of agriculture and vitamins on that amazing invention." In these words Lady Ravensdale addressed the members of King's College Hospital, Ladies' Association at the association's annual meeting.

It was seventeen years ago, she continued, that the foundation stone of King's College Hospital was laid at Denmark-hill. Since then, year by year, the boroughs of Camberwell and Lambeth had been growing. Over 200,000 people per annum knocked at the door of the hospital, which was for ever open to them. The hospital was planned so that the children's out-patients' departments should be six times as large as in the old hospital. In spite of there being two children's hospitals in the neighbourhood, beds for babies and children were still fatally short. At present there was at the hospital only one ward for these little patients, to which had recently been added a sunlight outfit.

The good in man is hardly ever mentioned.—Dr. W. Foxley Norris.

A CALCUTTA SWEEP WINNER.

A man who paid ten rupees for a ticket in the Calcutta Sweep and won \$16,800 appeared for his bankruptcy examination at Canterbury. He was Emil Russ, lately residing at Herne Bay. It was stated that he won the money eight years ago, and that he sold a quarter of his interest in the ticket he drew for \$300. His horse ran second. He estimated a surplus of assets over liabilities, which amount to \$2,746.

Russ, who lived for many years in India, told the Court that at the end of 1919 he returned to England, and resided at various addresses in London. He agreed that he had since lived at the rate of nearly \$2,000 a year.

The examination was closed.

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BIRTH.

BIRD.—On April 2, 1927, at Shang-
hai, to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Bird,
of C.M.S. Shaoching, a daughter.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 9, 1927.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The vacillation of the Labour party's policy towards China reflects the struggle between the Moderates and Extremists within for ascendancy. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has been obliged by the Leftists to go back on his former declaration that had he been Premier he would have taken no less firm an attitude than was taken in regard to the defence of British nationals in China. Mr. MacDonald's later speeches have justified "Punch's" comment that "Mr. Ramsay MacDonald agrees with the measures taken in China: the 'Leader of the Opposition' does not." Mr. MacDonald's hands have been forced by men who have displayed a pitiable ignorance of conditions in China. Men like Mr. Wheatley, for instance, who suggested in the House of Commons that all the British should be repatriated from China, leaving businesses they had built up by years of patient toil to the mercies of the mobs. Carrying the principle involved in Mr. Wheatley's suggestion to its logical conclusion, one might ask if Mr. Wheatley advocates repatriating to China the Chinese who have been no less patient in building up businesses in such places as Malaya, Straits Settlements, Borneo and Australia? Would a consensus of opinion among such as these be in favour of repatriation to China? Their very presence there, sheltering under the peaceful conditions and fair-dealing which British administration affords is sufficient answer. Another Labour member, contesting Mitcham (Mr. A. M. Wall) delivered himself of the following outburst, addressing "Hands Off China" meeting: "There are only 17,000 British nationals in China and they are all people of shady reputations; they employ children ten hours a day for wages that would not keep an Englishman in wood-bines; if the parents of these children now feel disposed to give these exploiters a good thrashing, would you let them?"

them." And this in face of the fact that the lead against child labour in the factories has come from British manufacturers! In such vile and pernicious trash and in many other directions, the extremists in the Labour ranks, if they are really sincere, have demonstrated that they believe just what it suits their purpose to believe.

After the fiasco of the General Strike, it became obvious that Labour as a whole had lost all liking for this industrial weapon. Consequently the growing movement within the Labour Party and the Trade Unions to end the policy of confusing political and industrial causes stood a very good chance of succeeding. At the conclusion of the last General Strike, in which neither Mr. Ramsay MacDonald nor the other saner Labour leaders were in favour, Mr. Thomas openly admitted that the general strike was a crude and foolish procedure. The Trade Union Bill which the Government has brought forward is so moderate as to dispose of any honest excuse for saying that "it is an attack on Trade Unions" and appears to be no more than many Labour leaders, including Mr. MacDonald, have already implied might be necessary. It is difficult to reconcile the present uncompromising attitude of Labour to the Bill with the lessons Labour leaders previously admitted the General Strike had taught. The last strike was a shameful exploitation of Trade Union loyalty and an utter abuse of Trade Union privilege. The object of the present Bill is to emphasise all just rights of Trade Unions and only abolish abuse from which quiet and inoffensive Trade Unionists are the greatest sufferers—such as mass picketing and house to house visit for the purpose of intimidating a man's family. If the Labour leaders cannot defend a General Strike then they can have no objection to the amendment of the law to place the illegality of a General Strike beyond dispute. If they do defend the use of the weapon of a General Strike, then there is all the more reason for a clearer definition between Trade Union rights as distinct from privileges that have in the past been grossly abused. In regard to picketing, its prohibition would be a relief to all Trade Unionists, except those hopelessly Red-minded. It is to be hoped that the opinion of the moderate elements of the Labour party will not be misled by the national campaign which it is proposed to launch against the Bill.

For some time it had been generally known that there was a breach between Chiang Kai-shek and the Hankow Extremists but it needed the threat of Chiang's loyal troops on Hankow and the drastic action he has taken against agitators in Shanghai to indicate the extent of the breach. This news taken in conjunction with the measures taken by Chiang Kai-shek in Peking and Hankow strengthens the impression that he is determined to maintain order and discipline in the Nationalist Government.

Chang before the evacuation of the Shanghai area by the Northern troops. Ever since the Nationalist Conference at Hankow in March when the Centralists and Rightists of the party made the mistake of staying away—afraid to trust themselves within the clutches of Borodin's Labour Unions—the Communists had controlled the whole of the party machinery and set up at Hankow a "Moscow-in-China" from which they disseminated propaganda and arms to stir up trouble in areas which they had marked out for further conquest. Their plans have been frustrated. If the more moderate elements of the Kuomintang were not already alive to the necessity of asserting themselves and expelling the Communists, there is evidence in plenty that recent disclosures have enlightened them to the suicidal madness of the course to which the plans of Moscow would consign China. The Nationalists at Hankow do not represent the Chinese people, or even a considerable portion of them. Chinese high and low who regarded the ascendancy of the Communists, and Labour Unions with an increasing fear and hatred will be heartened by the measures which have been taken against them by Chiang Kai-shek and herald these measures as the beginning of the end of an influence which has been entirely disruptive.

WINE AND POETRY.

HOW WU PEI-FU SPENDS HIS DAYS.

DOESN'T CARE WHO COMES.

Peking, March 14.
"I wouldn't care if Marshal Chang Tso-liang should come to Chengchow, neither would I flee should General Chiang Kai-shek arrive to goad me," Marshal Wu Peifu is reported to have declared recently. The Marshal has lost his characteristic optimism and spends his days in sipping wine and writing poems.
In anticipation of the near approach of the Mukden forces to Chengchow from the east route some of Marshal Wu's faithful subordinates suggested that he should leave the fighting zone at once for Loyang. General Mi Chun-piao has also requested the marshal to go back to his native district in Shantung. As he is needed in Chengchow as a sort of figure-head, the pro-South generals are trying to prevent Marshal Wu from departing. Marshal Wu is at present dominated by the latter group.
Kai-feng correspondence states that General Wei I-san, General Tien Wei-chun and General Wang Wei-wei have sent a wire to Marshal Wu urging him to sever relations with Mukden and to start rehabilitating the Chihli forces. They suggested that Chihli should make an agreement with Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang and the nationalists for co-operation and non-interference. The Chihli generals can obtain their salvation through an alliance with General Yen Shih-shan of Shanxi and General Chen Tiao-yuan of Anhui. By these arrangements they should be able to bring out a new situation, and his generals requested him to take the command as usual.
But Marshal Wu is said to pay very little attention to this scheme. On the other hand many of the Chihli leaders are reported to be in favour of this project and to have pledged themselves to the support of General Chin Yun-so and General Wei I-san.

CHARLIE'S WIFE.

MRS. CHAPLIN TO RETURN TO SCREEN.

Los Angeles, March 16.
Lita Grey, Chaplin intends to return to the screen to support her two babies. It is explained she has started to resume work because she is unable to meet household bills. She is said to have received only one hundred dollars weekly from Charlie Chaplin since they separated. Lita asserted she rejected \$2,500 a week and royalties for the appearance of herself and her babies in the pictures. The babies are not permitted to appear.

SACCO AND VANZETTI

Buenos Aires, April 8.
The port workers have declared a 48 hours' strike as a protest against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti which now appear to be imminent. Sacco's American friends have been busy in New York and Chicago in vainly trying to secure a reprieve for the condemned men.

LIVE TO 200.

DON'T SMOKE, DRINK, OR EAT MEAT.

FRENCH SURGEON'S RECIPE.

I had a long conversation with the man who claims to have found the secret of rejuvenating mankind, writes the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Mail." He is M. G. Knap, physician and surgeon, biologist, electrical expert, and sociologist, creator of five garden cities in France, and who, although he is 62 years of age, looks less than 50, and says he feels less than 35. If anyone disputes this claim M. Knap is fully prepared to put the gloves on with him and prove the point.

M. Knap I found in his flat surrounded by a collection of scientific apparatus. He declares that if human beings busied themselves after the age of 50 with renewing their dying cells, instead of committing suicide, they might reach the age of 200 years.

"The average man of to-day," said M. Knap, "reaches the age of 60, the stage when the cells composing his body lose their power, and from that moment onwards he begins to decline. Sometimes the decline starts as early as 45, or even 40, when it is provoked by constitutional accidents, and sometimes it starts a little later than 50 for the converse reasons."

By experimenting upon myself as well as upon numerous friends, I have perfected a method, first, of preventing the decline of the human body beginning as early as 50 by means of a perfectly simple method which anyone can follow; and, secondly, I have found the secret of rejuvenation by means of a catalysing agent which provokes the reproduction of new cells in the human body just as they take place in childhood and early youth.

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"Nicotine is the deadliest poison and brings 75 per cent. of men to a premature grave. Alcohol also is distilled death because we abuse the use of it. The man of 50 should start at once to pass from the carnal to the vegetarian form of nutrition."

"At 50 then begin every meal with a dish of uncooked salad which contains the salts (or vitamins) as some people prefer to call them) indispensable for the reconstitution of the cells of the human body, and gradually cut down the carbonaceous foods which destroy the effects of the vitamins and poison the system."

"If only we would follow these rules in a rational manner there is no reason why in 200 years' time the average man should not live to be 200 years old."

A DOCTOR'S TIME.

PEOPLE'S UNREASONABLE CALLS.

QUESTION OF COMPULSION.

That there was no legal compulsion on a doctor to go to a patient simply because the patient wanted to see him was the statement made by Dr. Edwin Smith, the North-East London coroner, at an inquest at Hackney on George Oliver Basham, 75, of 25, Hackney-grove, who died before the doctor's arrival. The son of the dead man complained that the doctor did not come immediately after he had summoned him to his father, and that the doctor first called for the production of the panel card of his father.

A representative of the London Panel Committee said that the old man was not on the panel nor had they any record of him.

Dr. Aronson said that four years ago he treated the man as a patient on the strength of his statement that he was an insured person. As a matter of fact he was not a panel patient. Despite that, on the day the son asked him to attend he would have done so immediately, but at the time he was overwhelmed with work, and when the son came to him a few minutes later he was abusive. He did go to the house, as soon as possible, and found the man had died.

The coroner said he was sure that a medical practitioner would not allow any technical point such as the non-production of a patient's card to stand in the way of his attending a case. The man was not on the panel, and the son, moreover, was far from polite to the doctor. He must inform the son that he should realise that he could not call upon a doctor and say, "This is my second visit. I was here five minutes ago and I want you at once." There was no legal compulsion on a doctor to go to a patient simply because the patient wanted to see him. "Apart from that," continued the coroner, "it is my own experience as the result of twenty-five years' work in medical practices that 95 per cent. of the people who run for a doctor always want him to get on as a matter of urgency, without regard to other considerations such as innumerable calls on his time, the respectability of natural causes, and the fact that the patient is in a very poor state of health."

JUDICIAL DILEMMA.

STRANGE CASE OF A POSTAL ORDER.

DIFFICULT FRENCH PROBLEM.

French justice is faced with a very difficult problem in the case of Marcel Lavallee, a postman, who was tried two months ago on a charge of having forged a money order for 41,000 francs. Lavallee was acquitted by the Douai Assize Court, but he now finds himself faced with a demand by the postal authority for the payment of the 41,000 francs.

The money order in question was cashed at Wattelet's Post Office in the Nord Department. Soon after she had paid it to a person supposed to be named Delvoys, however, the clerk examined it more closely, and found that it was really an order for only 1,000 francs, sent originally to Toureling and readdressed from there to Wattelet after the amount had been changed to 41,000 francs. It seemed that only a postal employee could have been able to make such a change, and inquiries led to the arrest of Lavallee, who was submitted to an examination rather like the "third degree." For him to undergo a searching cross-examination he protested his innocence, but at length, when so fatigued that a police officer described him as simply a wreck of a man he signed a document in which he admitted forgery of the money order, and promised to repay the sum so obtained.

On interrogation by the examining magistrate Lavallee was able to account for the whole of the money found during a search of his home, and declared that the payment produced as his confession simply because he had been reduced by his "third degree" to a state of self-consciousness, in which he was prepared to sign anything. The jury at Douai acquitted him after only ten minutes' deliberation, but the Postal Department persists in its claim that he should pay the 41,000 francs which they hold his written promise. He and his defenders contend that such a claim amounts to a rejection of the judgment rendered by the assize court, since the payment of the note in question might be deemed an admission of guilt by a man whom a competent tribunal has declared innocent. The case has been taken up by the Postal Servants' Union.

TERROR FOR CRIMINALS.

LATEST DISCOVERY ABOUT FINGER PRINTS.

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A jury in almost any country in the world to-day will accept a complete finger-print as sufficient evidence to convict a man, but they generally hesitate to record a conviction when the police have only a small corner of a print, as it has been believed that, while full prints are always different, a small portion of one man's print might be similar to a small portion of another man's print.

Fragmentary Finger Prints.
A great criminologist, Dr. Edmond Locard, has just solved the question of fragmentary finger-prints and carried the Bertillon system to a point of perfection its founder never dreamed of. He calls his new science "poroscopy." He magnified a finger-print many times its original size, and discovered that every print is as different from every other print as the map of the British Isles is different from the map of Mexico.

Distinguishing Pores.
Dr. Locard, who was greatly aided in his efforts by the researches of Mr. Herbert Wentworth, of Dover, discovered that there are more than 2,000 pores on the end of a man's finger, that every one of these pores has a different shape and a different position in relation to the other pores, and, finally, that these pores are never changed by a man's growth, nor by burns, nor by any other accident to the finger. He has studied the same pores in the same fingers for more than 15 years to make certain that they kept the same shape.

New Bertillon Formula.
The new Bertillon formula is that not only every finger-print is different from every other print, but that even a one-hundredth part of it is different from a one-hundredth part of any other print. In going before a jury with a fragment of finger-print Dr. Locard makes a huge photograph of it, indicates 500 or 1,000 pores that are entirely different in shape and relationship to one another from pores on other prints, and also indicates the other special characteristics of the print.

You will never find a body of medical men unanimous about anything. Sir William Milligan, M.D.
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In spite of the influx of people into Shanghai, it is interesting to note that 73 houses and rooms, are advertised to let, and four houses for sale.

"Bobby your hair: It is the badge of freedom." This is the exhortation made by female agitators and speakers to the women in various towns and cities in Chekiang which have recently been included in the Cantonese sphere of conquest.

Four cases of notifiable disease, all Chinese in the city registration district, occurred in the Colony on Friday. Two of the cases are of small-pox and the other two of enteric fever (typhoid).

Two British mines, one still in working order, were washed ashore at Brooks Island of Wight. They have the date 1915. The live mine was rendered harmless by experts from the mining school at Portsmouth, and both are to be examined by the naval authorities.

In a company of about 700 at the St. David's Day banquet at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen-street, W.C., there were 89 members of the Jones family, 70 people called Davies, and 69 named Evans. The Thomases came next, with 36, followed by 31 Williamses.

A scientific sensation is probable shortly when Dr. Pilgrim of the Geological Survey of India, publishes a paper telling of the discovery of the palate and lower jaw of a fossil ape at Bilaspur. Dr. Pilgrim considers the remains as probably the remote ancestor of man and belonging to a period of nearly 1,000,000 years ago, whereas the earliest hitherto obtained is not more than 250,000 years. He considers it possible that among the fossil apes of India will be found the actual human ancestor.

Representations have been made to the City of London urging that the famous London Stone be moved from its present position in the wall of St. Dunstons Church to the Guildhall or Charing Cross. The London Stone was once used to measure distances on the great military road leading from London. It was formerly on the south side of Cannon Street, but was moved to the present site in 1798. Before it was moved weather and buffets of medieval carts had chipped and worn it from the original pillar to a small stone landmark. It is argued that the situation of the stone in its present position is not suitable for measuring distances and that placing it at Charing Cross or Westminster Bridge would again allow its practical use as a point from which distances could be measured.

The Hong Kong order proclaiming Vladivostok a place where an infectious disease prevailed has been rescinded. Bangkok has now been declared a place where an infectious disease prevails.

The sale of No. 9 Man Chung Fong Terrace, Happy Valley, and No. 15 Warren Street, Tai Hang, which was to have taken place in two lots at Messrs. Lamont Bros. auction rooms yesterday afternoon, was postponed.

The Shanghai Municipal Council desires to thank all residents for the loyal manner in which they have complied with the Council's regulation that they should remain within their houses between the hours of 10 p.m. and 4 a.m. The ready compliance rendered by residents has greatly facilitated the task of the Defence Forces in protecting the Settlement.

Army Padres will preach at Union Church (Kennedy Road) tomorrow when the collections will be on behalf of the Borderers' Association. The Rev. F. P. W. Alexander (Presbyterian Chaplain to the Forces) will be in the pulpit at the morning service and the Rev. G. Douglas Scrimmell (Chaplain to the 1st Cameronians) at the evening service.

According to a Hankow report, the Ministry of Justice in Hankow has decided not to recognise the lawyers' certificates issued by the Peking Government. This will have, if true, a serious effect, as it will affect practically every Chinese legal practitioner at Shanghai. It is known that there are not more than two lawyers holding certificates from the Nationalist Government in Shanghai.

That England is in danger of becoming a home for secret divorce as a result of enforced newspaper secrecy is stressed by the rapid increase in the number of cases. At the beginning of last year's session of the Divorce Court there were 432 cases. At the commencement of the present session the number was 438, and for the last two months 282 undefended cases have been notified. Commenting on the law preventing the publication of reports of divorce suits, Sir Ernest Wild, the Recorder of London, speaking at the Press Club, said: "I am sure that the absence of the Press from any trial tends to promote injustice, and I am certain that the Act prohibiting the publication of divorce proceedings tends to whitewash infidelity."

LOCAL WEATHER REPORTS.

The Royal Observatory W.T. Station has been allotted the permanent call sign G.O.W.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. R. H. Kotewall (the wife of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.) is giving away the prizes at the annual sports of Sacred Heart College to-morrow.

The War Office announces the appointment of Colonel A. C. Girdwood to command the troops in Ceylon in succession to Major-General Higginson.

Notice is given in the "London Gazette" that Mr. David Ivor Davies, the actor-manager, of Aldwych, W.C., a natural born British subject, has by deed-poll changed his name to Ivor Novello, the name by which he is now generally known. His mother is Mrs. Clara Novello Davies, who is a leading teacher of singing.

The death is announced, at the age of 69 of Sister Marie-Flavie, one of the first French women missionaries to go to India. She was appointed Provincial Superior of Bangalore, and was head of a European school of 1,000 children, together with a native secondary school.

The vice-chairman and committee of the Victoria Diocesan Association will be "at home" to members and friends at the Helena May Institute on Wednesday, April 27. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m. The Rev. W. W. Rogers will speak on the training of Ordination candidates for the Chinese Church in South China, and the Rev. C. B. Shann will give a short address.

News has been received by cable of the death from pneumonia, at Brighton on March 23, of Major Catesby Burn Murdoch, late of West Country estate, Kiang, and formerly manager of the F.M.S. Rubber Co., who retired from Malaya about five years ago. He was the brother of the late Mr. A. M. Burn Murdoch, formerly Conservator of Forests, S.S. and F.M.S.

Hong Kong property to the value of \$39,100 was left by the late Mr. L. Fontaine, who died at Dijon, Department of Cote d'Or, France. Hong Kong estate to the value of \$10,700 was left by Mr. J. Plummer, late of Messrs. W. E. Stevens, son and co., Manila, who died at Edinburgh. Letters of Administration in respect of the first will have been granted to Mr. G. G. N. Timon and a resulting of Testamentary Dative has been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Benton in respect of the second.

A London message announces the death of Mr. Henry Frowde, previously publisher to the University of Oxford. He was 86 years of age.

The death took place in Kobe a fortnight ago of Mr. P. Hagen, of heart failure. Mr. Hagen, who was one of the oldest foreign residents in Kobe, was 58 years old and he went to Kobe in 1896, since which time he has been engaged in the stevedoring business.

Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister to China, was elected President of the Peking Royal Society of St. George at the annual general meeting. For Vice-President the members chose Mr. G. E. Hubbard, and Mr. R. W. Paulden was elected Hon. Secretary and treasurer. The Committee election resulted in the listing of the following:—Lieut. Col. H. St. Clair Smallwood, Mr. W. P. W. Turner, Mr. H. G. Lowder, and the Rev. J. T. Holman.

Among visitors to Singapore is the Rev. Dr. Thomas Burns, chairman of the Board of the Scottish National Institution for Blind Sailors and Soldiers, which is the body responsible for the maintenance of Newington House, Edinburgh, a home for men who were deprived of their sight whilst fighting for their own country in the Great War. The original object of Dr. Burns' visit was to meet his younger son, who is on the Galang Rubber Estates, relative to a family bereavement.

Nobody can accuse Mr. Ivor Montagu, whose marriage to a typist has just been announced, of not being able to keep a secret, says a "Daily Mail" writer. When a friend of mine met him at dinner a week or two ago he talked of many things, including the furnishing of his chambers in the Temple. But there was no hint of a romance in his eye. He was in great spirits otherwise, however. He told the story of the precious white mice which he brought, all the way from the Caucasus and of the vigil kept in the guard's van to see that none escaped on the journey back to Moscow. Two did, as a matter of fact, but they were recaptured after a stern chase. The tragedy was that the last of all the mice died in Petrograd before Mr. Montagu could get home. And as they are not to be found elsewhere the loss to Cambridge zoology was considerable.

Four desperadoes, believed to be Communists, rushed into the police headquarters, Sofia, and carried off \$15,000 under cover of a bomb explosion which killed the chief of the political police.

Gen. Hsu Han-shen has been appointed by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to the post of commander of the anti-smuggling forces in Shanghai. This position was formerly occupied by Gen. Ho Chia-lu, who was killed in battle at Changyen.

According to information from the Nationalist Military Headquarters, the 1st Battalion of the Nationalists was sent from Soochow to surround the four thousand leaderless soldiers of Gen. Pih Shu-cheng at Quinsan. These delivered their arms without any resistance.

A weekly air service between Teheran and Baku by way of the Persian port of Enzeli, on the Caspian Sea, will begin early this summer. It will be inaugurated by the German Junker aviation concern, whose concession has just been approved by the Soviet authorities. The journey is now undertaken by boat and caravan, and a great saving of time will be effected by the air route.

At a very busy London crossing the policeman on point duty was working valiantly with scarcely time to breathe, keeping the thoroughfare clear. Then a dear old lady approached him. "Pardon me, constable," she said, "but have you seen a pickpocket around here with a silk handkerchief marked 'Angelina'? Somebody's just stolen it from me!"

The St. Paul's Cathedral Preservation Committee announces that the architects and engineers have reported that they are well satisfied with the condition of the Cathedral, and that there is no foundation for the recent alarming rumours. The present process of cementation, adds the committee, is fulfilling its object.

Addressing the Canadian Club, Toronto, the Commonwealth Trade Commissioner (Sir Hugh Dennison) predicted that the next forty or fifty years would see the centre of the Empire's wealth and population shift from the North Sea to Canada and Australia. What happened to the United States in the last century would happen to Canada and Australia.

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For some time there have been occasional references in the motoring Press to the inventions of Mr. Constantinesco, who is well known in British automotive circles, and it would appear, from an advertisement appearing in a current number of a British motoring periodical, that he has succeeded in getting some of his ideas into such a shape that they are considered commercially practicable.

The advertisement blazons forth the advantage of the Constantinesco car, which is claimed, to operate without gears or clutch. A two-three seater, torpedo body model, is advertised at \$215 complete, and the descriptive matter is as follows:—

"The Constantinesco car is fitted with the Constantinesco torque converter combined in one unit with the engine. No gears or clutch are required. The converter has the inherent characteristic which provides just the right torque at the right time to suit the prevailing road conditions without the aid of controls of any kind beyond the throttle control of the engine. The converter enables a smaller engine to be used."

The car free-wheels automatically, giving considerable economy in petrol consumption. It cannot run backward while in forward gear or on an upward gradient."

There are many motorists who would hail with delight a car in which gear-changing was unnecessary, and the advent of the car overseas will be awaited with interest.

CLEANSING OF WORKS AND GARAGES.

Some idea of the extent of the premises occupied by the fleets of the London General Omnibus Company can be obtained from the fact that this Company has recently placed a repeat order with the Lacre Motor Car Company for no fewer than 13 of the smaller type of Lacre sweeper. This very considerable fleet is to be used for the cleansing of the L.C.C. garages in and around London. The smaller Lacre sweeper may be described as a miniature edition of the Lacre road sweeping machine that is employed by an enormous number of municipalities throughout the world. There are undoubtedly many works and substantial garages, the cleansing of which would be cheapened and facilitated by the employment of the smaller Lacre sweeper.

BROOKLANDS RACING TRACK IN 1927.

Brooklands Motor Racing Track at Weybridge, England, will be slightly changed when the opening meeting—which, by the way, is before Easter this year—takes place. There will be a single span bridge across the finishing straight on the spot occupied by the temporary bridge used for the Grand Prix and 200 Miles Race, thus allowing communication between the paddock and the general enclosures while racing is in progress. "The Auto-car."

MORE EFFORTS TO SECURE SILENT MOTOR CYCLES.

According to "The Motor Cycle," the "Auto Cycle" Union—governing body of the motor cycle movement in Britain—held a silencer test last month.

The useful life of motor vehicles in the United States has been gradually increasing. It is now about eight years.

A novel type of road has been laid recently under the supervision of the borough engineer at Middlesbrough. A continuous metal carpet consisting of steel and iron plates, constructed in the form of grids, with bars and voids, was laid on a concrete foundation while the latter was still unset. Concrete was then worked into the voids on the surface of the plates, binding the foundation and the metal carpet as a firm part of the roadway. A non-skid surface was thus provided. In a recent test of the concrete slabs formed in this way heavy blows with a steel hammer failed to separate the grids from the concrete and the severest heat tests were equally well resisted.

AMERICAN COMBINATION.

Large Amalgamation Rumoured.

According to a cable published in the Melbourne "Herald," there is a possibility of a merger between several large American automotive firms. It seems to be the general trend of the industry for the large firms to form alliances of the nature, and, if it be true that the Dodge, Packard, Nash and Mack truck companies are to be combined, there may be changes in policy of far-reaching effect. The cable is as follows:—

"New York, Feb. 8.—Rumours are current of a huge motor merger involving Dodge, Nash, Packard, and Mack truck companies. If the merger materialises, the new corporation will be one of the greatest in the world, rivaling Ford and General Motors companies. A wealthy banking group is said to be behind the move."

Dodge Bros. (Inc.) has, as president one of the most prominent leaders of American automobile thought, Mr. Frederick H. Haynes. It is governed by a board of 14 directors, including Horace E. Dodge, the only representative of the Dodge family. Its assets in 1925 were \$30,000,000, and the 1924 sales were 222,236 chassis, with a big increase on that total in 1926. The Dodge car is probably amongst the first half dozen most popular cars in the world.

Mack Trucks Inc., New York, is the holding company for the International Motor Car Co., the Mack Bros. Motor Car Co., the International Plainfield Motor Co., the Mack Motor Truck Co., the Mack International Truck Co., and Mack Trucks, Ltd. (Canada). The Mack Truck is one of America's oldest commercial motor products, and the other vehicles marketed by the corporation have big sales. The joint stock holdings of the corporation on December 31, 1924, were \$2,000,000, 7 per cent. cumulative, \$1,070,000 second preferred stock, and \$1,120,000 in common stock. The controlled factories cover 1,700,000 square feet.

Nash Motors Co., Incorporated, Wisconsin, has a joint stock capital of more than \$3,500,000, and incorporates Ajax Motors (280,000), the Seaman Body Co., Kenosha Hines Co., Lafayette Motors Co., Martin Nash Motors Co., Nash Cincinnati Motors Co., Nash Uriesera Auto Co., the South-West Nash Co., and the North-West Nash Motors Co. Its factories cover 33 acres, and the employees in 1924 totalled 5,630. Its production of Nash cars in 1924 totalled 52,930, but big increases were made in 1925-26.

Packard is one of America's car aristocrats, and is manufactured at Detroit by the Packard Motor Car Co., which incorporates the Packard Weiss and the Ohio automobile companies. Its joint stock totals \$7,000,000, and its 1923 production was 21,571 vehicles. The 1926 production more than doubled that total. The company embraces concession companies in London, and Coblentz (Germany).

THE BACK-SEAT DRIVER.

When Aunt Amelia visits us, we take her in the car; But when she is a passenger, Dad won't go very far. The back seat always she selects; but then—my snakes alive! She always starts to tell my dad exactly how to drive!

"You mustn't try to pass that truck or there will be a smash! You're going thirty miles an hour! Now don't you think that's rash? A car is coming round the curve! Look out, or you'll collide! You're towards the middle of the road; keep over at the side!"

We're coming to a cross-street now and you had best go slow. See there's a guide-post over there to tell us how to go! Dear me! the road is very steep—it's not the way to take. Oh, I'm as nervous as can be! I hope you'll use your brake!"

When Aunt Amelia visits us, we take her in the car; But as I said a while ago we don't go very far. To tell Dad how to run the car she always seems to strive. But this is just the queerest part—she never learned to drive!

U.S. PRODUCTION.

Smaller Than Last Year.

Advices received from New York state that the automobile industry is withholding judgment on 1927 until sales during the next few weeks are observed, says the London correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon." Meanwhile first quarter production schedules are upon a fairly liberal basis, though smaller than last year. Dealers' stocking, except where new models are being introduced, is described as very modest as the check in production late in the year saved a situation that was beginning to look dangerous. Fear that farm sales may be relatively poor is expressed. The record of 1926 is gradually being completed. The American Department of Commerce reports the year's production in the United States at 3,755,048 passenger cars and 494,377 trucks, compared with 3,696,490 and 479,396 in 1925. The December figure of 137,361 passenger cars was the smallest of any month in five years. The B.F. Goodrich Company reports the year's registration at 22,273,643, an increase of 2,044,618; as compared with production this would point to a replacement demand of approximately 2,500,000. Results for individual companies for the year are interesting. The figures are compiled by Dow-Jones of New York:—

	1926.	1925.
General Motors	1,225,000	835,902
Dodge	330,000	255,000
Hudson	230,000	264,000
Willys-Overland	185,000	220,000
Chrysler	175,000	136,000
Nash	137,000	98,000
Studebaker	111,000	137,000
Packard	35,000	30,000
	1926.	1925.
General Motors	183,674,000	116,016,000
Dodge	25,000,000	25,358,000
Hudson	5,884,000	21,379,000
Willys	9,875,000	12,109,000
Overland	17,440,000	17,410,000
Nash	23,346,000	16,256,000
Studebaker	12,804,000	16,820,000
Packard	14,890,000	15,149,000

A NEW POEM.

I have received from the driver of a Dennis omnibus the immortal verse that I here present free to my readers. It is a perfectly bona fide effort, which, perhaps accounts for the enthusiasm and at the same time, perhaps, for the comparisons which we all know are odious, and need not be taken too seriously.

The Dennis is a lovely 'Bus
It never seems to make a fuss,
For acceleration you cannot beat
It's like a greyhound on the leap
For all-round wear
I do not care
You cannot beat it anywhere.
The London 'Bus you want to see

It's away from the point before you count, three,
For speed it leaves all others flat
It ought to go on Brooklands track
The miles it does you'd be surprised
It opens other people's eyes
There's only one fault with this 'Bus, I see

There isn't one belongs to me
But I think after all I've said
and done.
The Dennis People ought to give me one

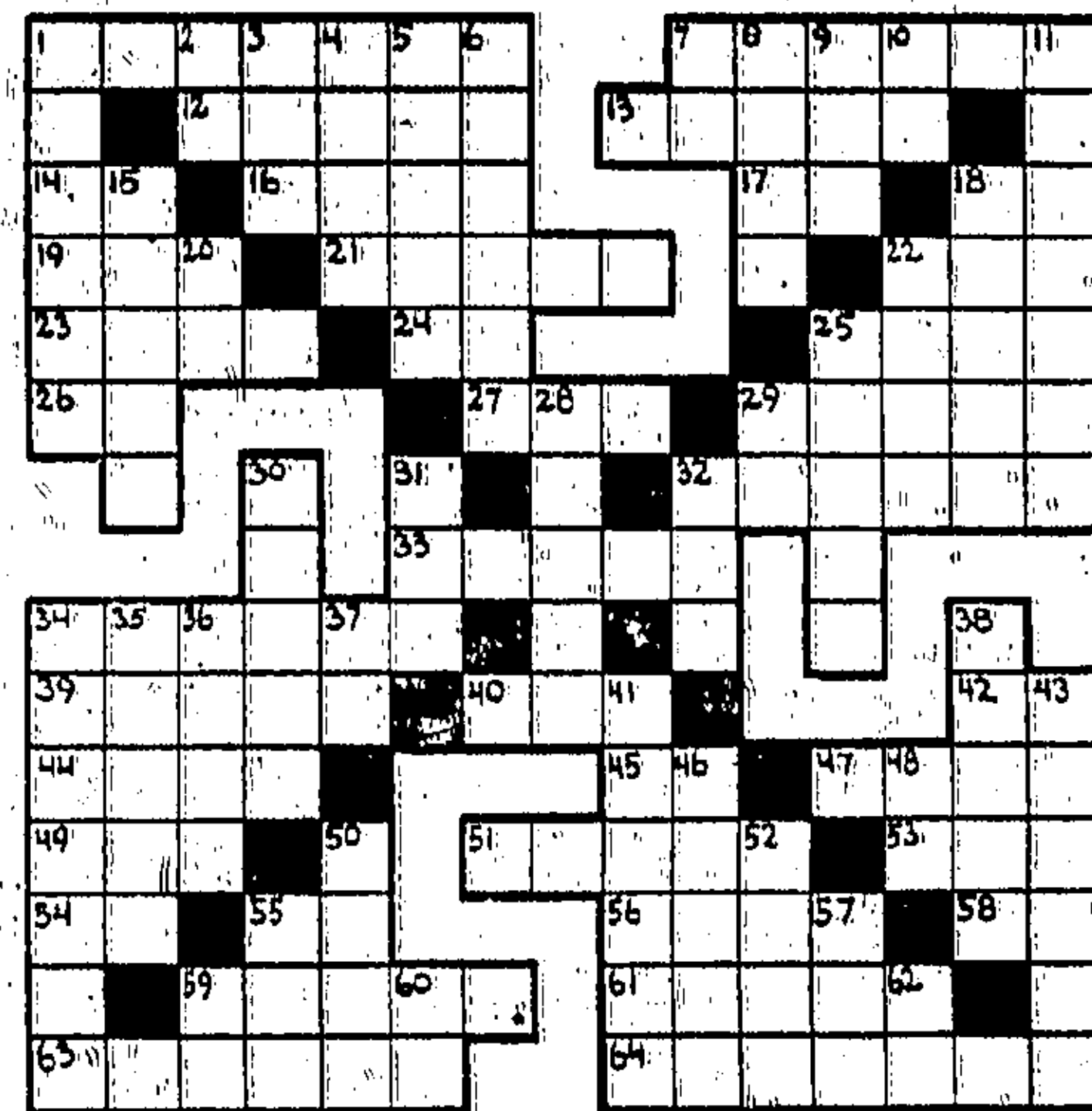
For the metre, punctuation and the capitals, as for the poem itself, I am indebted to my correspondent. As to the matter, I have only one or two minor criticisms to offer. The phrase "like a greyhound on the leap" strikes me as conveying a doubtful compliment to the clutch. The remarks on the "London 'bus" are certainly not, as the 'bus itself is stated to be, "away from the point," with the possible exception of the statement that its speed capabilities are such that "it leaves all others flat." I can only hope, in this respect, not to be included amongst "the others." I should prefer to be classified as an "also ran."—From "Torque," by the Torque Tube ("Motor Transport.")

MORE SILENT MOTOR CYCLES.

"The Motor Cycle," in conjunction with the Triumph Cycle Co., Coventry, is offering prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 for a silencer which will tender a Triumph motor cycle as quiet as a car. The competition remains open until mid-April.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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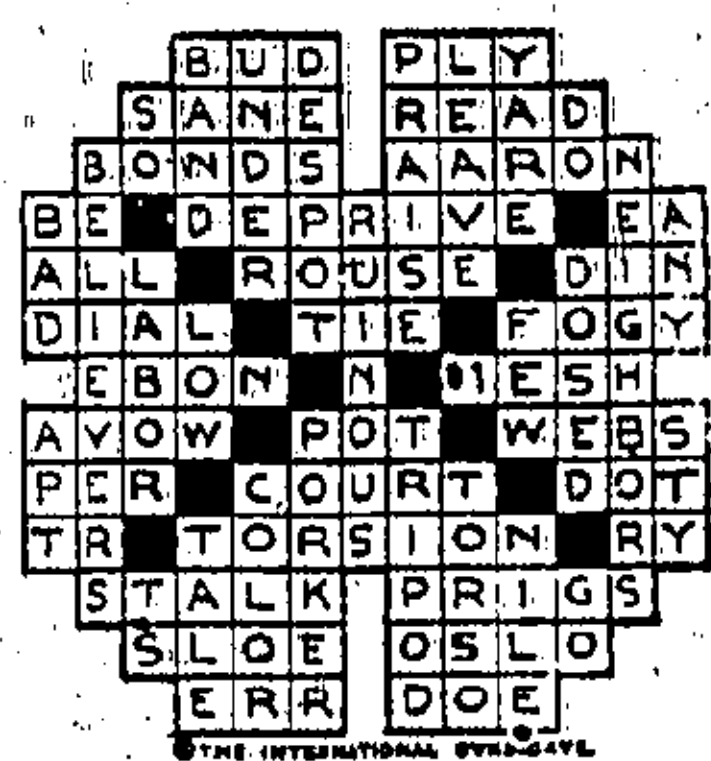
HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-A particle	49-Evening (poet.)	20-Toward
7-To scowl	51-Imprisoned	22-Wan
12-A song of joy	52-Imprisoned	23-A number
13-To seek the favor of	54-Point of compass	28-Bes
14-A country of Europe (abbr.)	55-Point Form of "ad"	29-One of the churches (abbr.)
16-Counterfeit	56-Counterfeit	30-Concentrate
17-Right (abbr.)	57-To snatch	31-Also
18-Exist	58-Point. Against	32-Look at
19-Received	59-A famous fairy tale writer	34-Name of 18 Egyptian Kings
21-Not inclined	61-Transgressed	35-Overhead
22-Young seal	62-An East Indian herb	36-Part of the face
23-A nose	64-Risks	37-Distance above a base (abbr.)
24-The (French)		38-Parting to the sun
25-A Norse myth		41-Stubbom
26-Prefix Form of "ex"		43-Tension
27-At once		44-The earth (Latin)
28-A Scripture proper name		45-Prefix. Against
29-Unsparing; harsh		46-Stiffly proper and neat
30-Fat		47-To mend a hole, as in a stocking
31-Stock farm (Sp.-Am.)		48-Southern
32-Almost		49-Constellation
33-Conjunction		50-Weight (abbr.)
34-Old Saxon (abbr.)		51-To breathe
35-Cryptogramous plant		52-Grand sorb
36-Part of the Bible (abbr.)		53-Personal pronoun
37-To dash off unexpectedly		54-Prefix. From
		55-Burying tool

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

DIESEL-TYPE ENGINES IN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Will commercial vehicles of the future be propelled by Diesel-type engines? Lengthy experiments have been made by German motor manufacturers with Diesel engines of various designs and sizes in business vehicles chassis, and French, Italian and American firms are doing likewise. In Britain a few makers are investigating the subject, and it will not be surprising to see a British-built Diesel-engined vehicle in the near future. Among the outstanding advantages of the Diesel-type engine, says "Motor Transport," are its fuel economy and the fact that no electric ignition is required.

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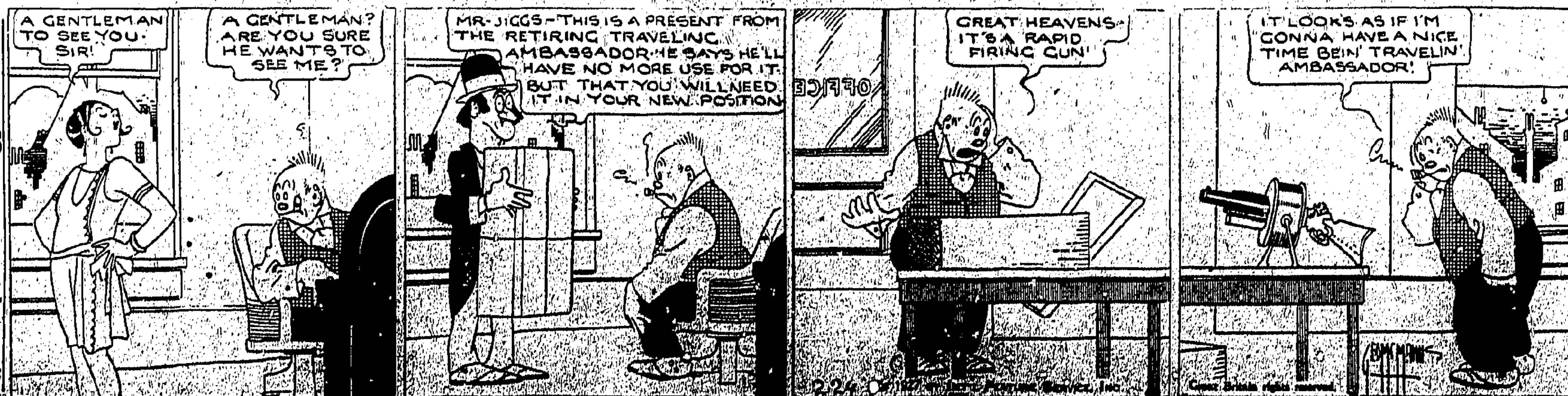
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A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

THE "OVERLAND" CHINA MAIL.

LINK BETWEEN HOME AND HONG KONG.

So many startling incidents have rapidly followed each other that even the Chinese themselves are at loss to cope with the trend of events.

Acknowledged as "the link with Hong Kong," this week's issue should be sent to all friends abroad to let them understand what is happening all over China.

WATCHED BY THE EYES OF THE WORLD.

Most difficult for foreigners to understand is the split in the Nationalist Party, a quarrel on which the eyes of the world are turned. The daily reports, backed up by notes in concise form, will give the information that is sought.

People at Home admit that they are nonplussed by the complications in the China situation. There is no more welcome gift for them than a copy of the "Overland."

EVERY PHASE GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBED.

How foreign refugees are hastily leaving various parts of China, how Japan has been embroiled in Hankow, how the "Stars and Stripes" were torn down at Chungking, how British residents have undergone hardships—these are all graphically described.

Chiang Kai-shek's considered views, side by side with the Russian-inspired Communist slogans, will make very interesting reading.

Loyalty to the cause of one's own nation impels compliance with the duty of keeping those further away posted as to the facts.

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"DEATH & AFTER."

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
LECTURE.

CONSTITUTION OF MAN.

Mr. H. E. Lanepart gave an address on "Death and After" at Thursday's weekly public meeting of the Theosophical Society (Hong Kong Lodge). An extract of his observations follows:

The constitution of man according to the Esoteric Philosophy is seven-fold, consisting of the immortal triad—individuality—spirit as will, spirit as intuition, and spirit as intellect—and of the perishable quaternary—the person—constituted of the concrete mind-body, the desire-body, the etheric double (the instrument of vitality), and the physical body.

Death is a complicated process consisting of a repeated unrobing or unshedding, wherein the immortal part of man shakes off from itself, one after the other, its outer mortal casings, passing itself after the dropping of each body into a higher state of consciousness.

Man's True Nature. Life depends by no means on the functioning through the physical body. On the contrary, the lawful stepping out of the dense body results in a vastly increased freedom and vividness of life, for man is primarily and potentially divine.

When man recognises his true nature and begins to identify himself with the immortal triad, the divine will, intuition and intelligence in him (and not with his bodies of action, of feeling and of concrete thought), he then begins to know that "Life" has nothing to do with his various bodies and with this material plane, but that life is his conscious existence, unbroken, unbreakable, and that the brief interludes in that life, during which he dwells on earth, are but a minute fraction of his conscious existence, and a fraction, moreover, during which he is less alive because of the heavy material coverings that weigh him down.

The Moment of Death. Therefore at death he steps out again of the prison of bodily forms and is one step nearer to the reality.

At the moment of death the man, clad in his higher principles and the etheric double, the outer conductor of the vitality, withdraws from the physical body and the snapping of the last tie between it and the etheric double marks the actual moment of death for the physical body.

When the etheric double finally quits the body, it does not travel any distance from it. Normally it remains floating over the body, the man's state of consciousness being dreamy and peaceful, unless tumultuous distress and violent emotion surrounds the corpse from which it has just separated itself.

During the slow process of dying, while the etheric double is withdrawing from the body, taking with it the higher principles as after it has withdrawn, extreme quiet and self-control should be observed in the death chamber, for during this time the whole life passes swiftly in review before the Ego, the immortal individual.

Passing On. One should at such moments speak in whispers, not to disturb the quiet ripple of thought and not hinder the busy work of reviewing the entire past.

As the days go on, the five higher principles gradually disengage themselves from the etheric double and shake this off as they previously shook off the grosser body. They pass on, as a five-fold entity into the next state, where the desire body of the man becomes intensely self-conscious, while the etheric double is left behind as a corpse.

The desire body causes for a longer or shorter period a delay to the onward movement of the departed, till the desires have worn themselves out through lack of gratification and fade away to a point at which they can no longer detain the soul with their clinging arms.

The stronger and the grosser the desires of a man have been during life, the longer and more distressing is the process of their starvation in the desire or astral world.

Difference in Suicides. The position of responsible suicides is different. These, to the day when they would have died a natural death are separated from their higher principles by a guile in consciousness.

If such Ego was destined to live, say, eighty or ninety years—but killed himself, left us suppose at the age of twenty—he would have to pass in the desire world not only the average length of time, but in this case sixty or seventy years, as an "earth-walker."

For although they have destroyed the body, they find themselves precisely as much alive mentally as before, for they are unable to free themselves from their etheric double, which is the counterpart of the physical body, and is invulnerable to physical means of destruction, until its appointed time for disintegration arrives.

Temporary Insanity. So they may destroy the body, but not the appointed time of sentient existence, foredoomed (because simply the effect of a plexus of causes) to intervene before the dissolution of the personality. This must run on for its appointed period. Such responsible suicides find themselves terribly alive and awake, with all the cravings, and desires that embittered his earth life, all that which drove him into his rash act still with him. However, a man, who causes his death in a fit of temporary insanity, is not a felon de se and does not undergo

the agonies, which an ordinary suicide inevitably has to endure; but he falls asleep in the same way as victims of sudden accidents, till the end of his natural life period arrives and he is free to enter a higher state of consciousness, and to proceed on his normal way to self-realisation, and finally returns to earth, after a prolonged stay in the mental and heaven world.

Return to Earth Repeated. All souls pass after a shorter or longer period spent in the desire or astral world, till the unstilled desires in them have died out, and the desire body has dropped away, into the higher mental or heaven world, where nothing that defileth can enter, for gross matter has been left behind with all its desires and selfish thoughts.

There the Ego reaps a just harvest of unalloyed bliss, commensurate with all the good and noble loving deeds sown during his time on earth. But if the sower has sown but little seed, the heavenly harvest of bliss will be meagre and short-lived, and the growth of the soul in divine self-realisation will be delayed by the paucity of nutriment on which it has to feed. And when the Ego has tabulated all earthly experience, gone over it, and assimilated its experience by building it as capacities and tendencies into the soul, then the hunger for more experience causes the soul to return to earth and to reincarnate in a new set of mortal instruments or bodies.

This process of dying and returning to earth is repeated till the soul has learnt all the lessons the earth can teach.

HOLY WEEK.

CATHEDRAL and OTHER SERVICES.

Below is given the list of services at St. John's Cathedral during Holy Week, also services at the Peak Church and St. Peter's Church on Easter Sunday.

St. John's Cathedral.
Sixth Sunday in Lent, April 10:
—Holy Communion 8 a.m.; Matins and Sermon 11 a.m.; Evensong and Sermon 6 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Easter—Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.; Matins 10.15 a.m.; Evensong 6 p.m. and address by Rev. W. R. Cannell. Subjects:—Monday, the Sublimist

Prayer.
Tuesday, the Mystery of Pain.
Wednesday, Bearing the Cross.

Thursday before Easter—Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.; and Matins 10.15 a.m.

Good Friday—Litany and Ante-Communion 10 a.m.; Matins and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. W. R. Cannell (subject: The Loneliness of Christ); Meditation on the Passion 12 noon to 3 p.m., conducted by Rev. H. Copley Moyle. Persons entering or leaving during the three hours' service are requested to do so during the singing of the hymns; Evensong 6 p.m. and preparation for Easter Communion; Vocal and Instrumental Recital 9.15 p.m. Soloists will include Mrs. Sanger (soprano), Mrs. Aubrey (violin), Mr. A. P. Glanville (bass).

Easter Eve, Saturday—Holy Communion 7.45 a.m.; Evensong 6 p.m.—The Chaplains will be in the vestry after any of the services.
Easter Sunday, April 17—7 a.m. the Holy Communion; 8 a.m. the Holy Communion (choral); 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. H. Copley Moyle; 12 noon the Holy Communion; 3 p.m. Flower Service for children. Address by Rev. N. V. Halward; 6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Preacher: Rev. W. R. Cannell.

Peak Church—Easter Sunday: 8 a.m. the Holy Communion.
St. Peter's Church—Easter Sunday: 8 a.m. the Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Choral Eucharist.

VACCINATION FIGURES.

The number of Chinese vaccinated free of charge by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, up to and including this Thursday was:

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division 24,455; King's College Division 5,587; Railway Division 4,013; Indian Division 4,552; Kowloon Division 21,072; Mongkok Division 4,672; Shaikwan Division 3,433; St. Joseph's College Division 951; Un Long Division 320. Total 69,055.



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WATER SUPPLY.

COMPARATIVE RESERVOIR FIGURES.

MORE NOW IN STORE.

Most of the local reservoirs show higher levels on April 1 than at the same time last year, the total storage in Hong Kong being 1,191.66 million gallons as compared with 683.55 million gallons at the same time last year. The average consumption per head per day is higher this year (17.7 gallons as compared with 16).

There was an intermittent supply in all rider main districts West of Garden Road during March, 1927 and a full supply in all rider main districts East of Garden Road during March 1927. This compares with an intermittent supply in all rider main districts up to March 14, last year, services to houses in the rider main districts being given by public street fountains only from March 15, 1926.

Kowloon Supplies. Kowloon is no less better a position as compared with last year, there being 249.02 million gallons in store as compared with 151.95 last year, this in spite of the surprising increase in average consumption per head per day (12.7 the official figures are correct) from 7 gallons to 15.6.

There was a restricted supply in all districts during March, 1926 and a full supply in all districts during March 1927.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on April 1, 1927—

	1926	1927
Tytam	377 1'E. 10' 1"E.	
Tytam Byewash	21' 2"E. 23' 3"E.	
Tytam Intermediate	34' 7"E. 22' 0"E.	
Tytam Tuk	52' 5"E. 32' 3"E.	
Wong Nei Chung	28' 6"E. 15' 0"E.	
Pokfulum	15' 9"E. 18' 0"E.	
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"]		
[Note: A. denotes "Above Overflow"]		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1926	1927
Tytam	141.67	304.39
Tytam Byewash	221	1.37
Tytam Intermediate	53.80	93.20
Tytam Tuk	450.60	751.74
Wong Nei Chung	479	13.72
Pokfulum	30.58	27.24

Total Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March—

	1926	1927
Consumption	198.26	210.76
Estimated population	399,380	410,200
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	16.0	17.0

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts up to March 14, and services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a Supply was given by public street fountains only from March 15, 1926.

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Garden Road during March 1927 and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts East of Garden Road during March 1927.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	23' 8"E. 17' 9"E.	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	34' 11"E. 21' 5"E.	
Reception Reservoir	24' 24"E.	
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	151.80	193.39
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	15	25.60
Reception Reservoir	27.08	

Total Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March.

	1926	1927
Consumption	33.54	77.45
Estimated population	154,380	158,400
Consumption per head per day (gallons)	7.0	15.6

Restricted Supply in all districts during March 1926. Full supply in all districts during March 1927.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to March 31, 1926, 7.45; March 31, 1927, 8.22.

EASTERN PORTS' HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 2 reads:—

Plague: 1 case at Alexandria, 9 at Bassel, 6 at Bombay, 1 at Rangoon, 4 at Colombo.

Cholera: 4 cases at Bassel, 59 at Calcutta, 1 at Rangoon, 13 at Bangkok, 3 at Saigon.

Small-pox: 1 case at Alexandria, 85 at Bombay, 306 at Calcutta, 5 at Karachi, 20 at Madras, 1 at Negapatam, 48 at Rangoon, 1 at Singapore, 3 at Bangkok, 1 at Saigon, 1 at Kobe, 1 at Osaka.

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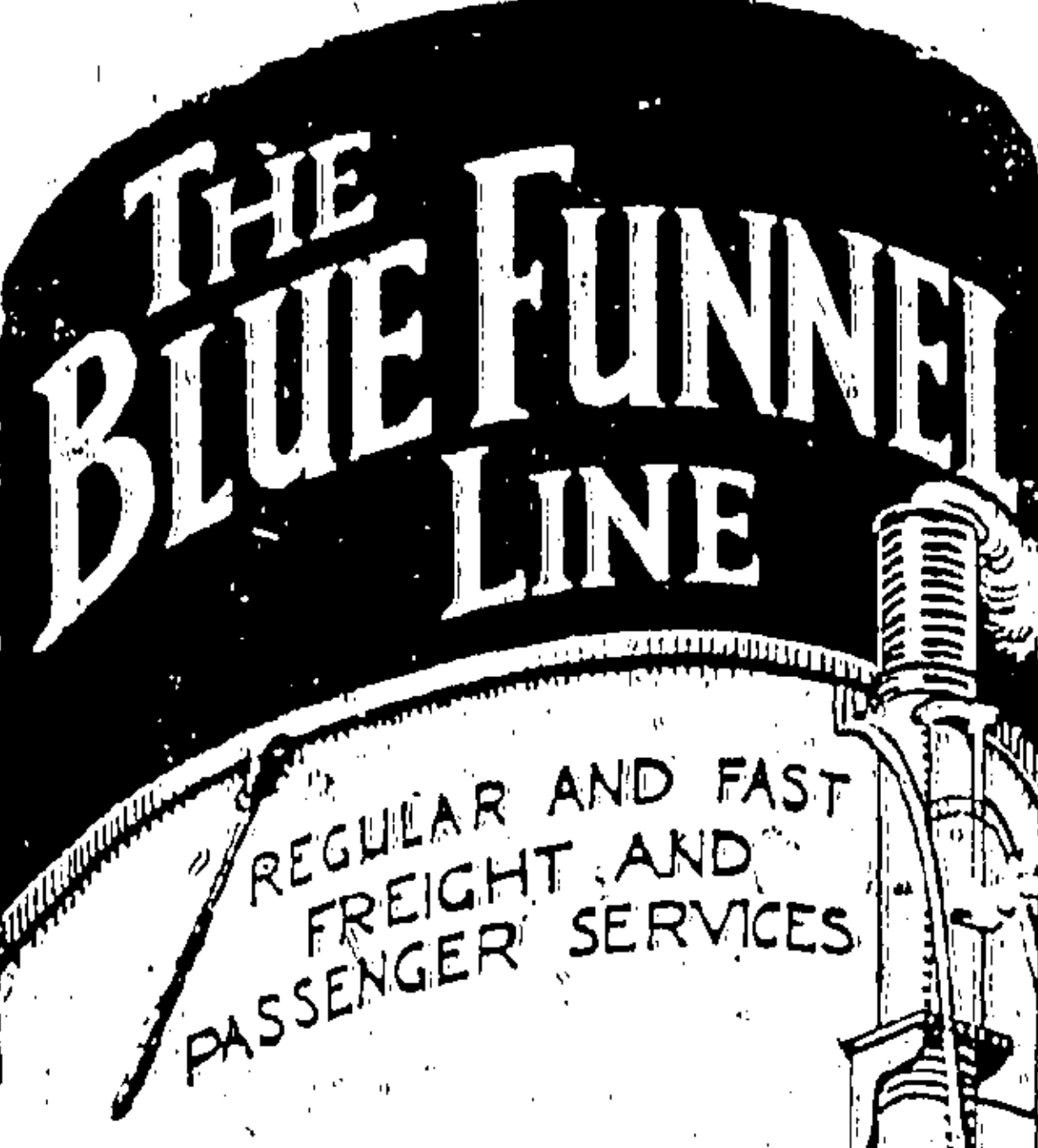
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SATURDAY, APRIL 9	9
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Empress of Russia.
SUNDAY, APRIL 10	10
Straits	Glaucus.
Shanghai	Sanning.
MONDAY, APRIL 11	11
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers)	Yuensang.
London, 10th March	President Polk.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	President Taft.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	General Metzinger.
TUESDAY, APRIL 12	12
Japan & Shanghai	Chenonceaux.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13	13
Saloon	Korea Maru.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Devanha.
FRIDAY, APRIL 15	15
Japan & Shanghai	President McKinley.
SUNDAY, APRIL 17	17
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Hakone Maru.
Straits	

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per
SATURDAY, APRIL 9	9
Manila & parcels for Germany via	Albert Vogler 1.30 p.m.
Hamburg	Scheer 3.30 p.m.
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Swatow	Kingyuan 5 p.m.
Amoy	
SUNDAY, APRIL 10	10
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Manila	Empress of Russia 9 a.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	Kalkan 9 a.m.
MONDAY, APRIL 11	11
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	Glaucus "Noon."
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,	
E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe	
via Marseilles—due Marseilles	
9th May. Parcels 10 a.m. Reg-	
istration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30	
p.m.	
TUESDAY, APRIL 12	12
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Khyber Noon
Saloon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,	
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt &	
Europe via Marseilles—due Mar-	
seilles 13th May. Registration	
1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	
Swatow	General Metzinger 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13	13
Manila, Australia & New Zealand	Wai Shing 5 p.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thurs-	
day Island 24th April. Parcels 5	
p.m. Registration (14th) 9.45	
a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	
Wohelwei	Changth. 2.30 p.m.
Hulchow	
THURSDAY, APRIL 14	14
Shanghai & Calcutta. Parcels 9 a.m.	Kutsang 2 p.m.
Letters 9 a.m.	Cremer 2 p.m.
Straits	
FRIDAY, APRIL 15	15
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,	
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt &	
Europe via Marseilles—due Mar-	
seilles 14th May. Parcels 5 p.m.	
Registration (16th) 9.45 a.m.	
Letters 10.30 a.m.	Devanha.

*Correspondence bearing vessels' names only.

COUNCIL MEMBERS.

EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENT.

MR. BERNARD & MR. HYNES.

The current "Gazette" announces two new appointments in connection with the Executive and Legislative Councils, due to the departure of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, who was a member of both Councils.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard is appointed to the Executive Council. Mr. Bernard served on the Legislative Council as a nominated member during earlier associations with the Colony. He succeeded to the position of Chamber of Commerce representative on the Legislative Council on the death of the late Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. Mr. Bernard is Chairman of the Court of Directors, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Managing Director of Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., and holds numerous other important local appointments in connection with the administration of well-known business.

Mr. A. C. Hynes is appointed a member of the Legislative Council. Mr. Hynes succeeded to the Chief Magistracy of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation during the absence on leave of Mr. A. H. Barlow. He is an Unofficial Justice of the Peace and has been associated with the Hong Kong branch of the Bank for a number of years.

HOSPITAL COMFORTS

ARTICLES THAT ARE NEEDED.

In connection with the appeal that is to be made for Hospital Comforts locally, we are asked to state that the following articles will prove of much use: dressing gowns; small cruet sets; easy wicker chairs; small wicker tables; dust pans and brushes; brushes; hand sweeping; O Cedar Mops; bath mats—work for officers' wards; bed jackets; bed spreads; small ward dressing trolleys; pairs operating room stockings; net fly; ten pots; small milk jugs; small sugar basins and small glass water jugs (as tea sets for officers' wards); chart (temperature); boards; ink stands; blotting pads; pen trays; enamelled jugs 2 quarts; small kettles; sauce pans (enamelled); 2 pint; gramophones and records; games; packs of cards; books; note paper and envelopes; long handed polishers for ward floors; long handed sweeping brushes; common mops; jugs and basins for medical officers use (surgical wards) and wardrobes for officers' wards.

BANK NOTES.

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong during the month ended March 31, 1927 (as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks):—

Banks	Average Amount	Specie in Reserve
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	15,585,962	5,800,000
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	53,469,709	34,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	1,730,229	580,000

Total: 70,785,900 40,380,000

In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £1,200,000.

In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at £3,100,000.

In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at £130,000.

The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1914, (Ordinance No. 65 of 1911):—

Security	Amount mkt. price.
5 1/2% Treasury Bonds repayable at 100 in 1930	2100,000 102-102 1/2

To-day's "Government Gazette" contains the new Order of His Majesty in Council governing appeals to the Privy Council. The regulations cover nineteen pages and include the fees.

TUNNEL HOLD-UP.

KOWLOON RAILWAYMAN ROBBED.

While bending down to examine the lines in No. 3 tunnel of the Kowloon-Canton Railway yesterday morning, Tse Sze (a keyman) was struck on the head by an assailant who held a piece of rock.

The workman was then assaulted with a stick and he fell to the ground unconscious.

A metal watch and chain (valued at \$4.50) and \$3 in money were taken from him.

No. 3 tunnel is in the Sha Tin district.

"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

PROMISE FOR TO-NIGHT'S SHOW.

After a rest from evening performances, the Philharmonic Society members taking part in the presentation of "H.M.S. Pinafore" returned fresh to their respective parts last night. The performance being of a high standard and greatly entertaining the audience.

The second Act, which has been somewhat of a stumbling block, went with much more of a swing and at to-night's (last) performance lovers of Gilbert and Sullivan should be entertained to an excellent all-round presentation of this delightful opera. Those taking part certainly deserve the high praise and congratulations of the public for the time and trouble they have given to the preliminary work and the finished "product."

KOWLOON CITY MURDER.

Two men have been detained by the Criminal Investigation Department in connection with the murder of the Chinese woman who was hacked to death in her house at Chuk Un village, Kowloon City, on Wednesday night.

After recovering consciousness, the deceased woman gave the Police descriptions of two men whom she accused, one of whom she claimed to have known for some time.

The two arrested men were formally charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and remanded for a week.

POLICE INSPECTION.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) is to inspect the Hong Kong Police in the Central Station compound at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 (and not April 19 as stated yesterday).

Medals, commendations and musketry trophies will be handed out at the annual inspection.

Mr. Hau lu and Mr. Ku Sing-cheong have been appointed forest officers.

The name of the Hong Kong Lumber Company, Limited has been struck off the register.

Of all the tyrannies a country can suffer, there is none so dangerous as the tyranny of the majority.—Mr. Duff Cooper, M.P.

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CHEKA VICTIMS.

PRINCE DOLGORUKOFF EXECUTED.

A DRAMATIC STORY.

The black motor lorry which nightly leaves the courtyard of Lubanka Prison at Moscow with corpses of persons executed in the basement of the most dreaded Cheka prison in Russia took the body of another Russian Prince to a nameless grave in the suburbs of Moscow.

According to an item published in the "Verchaya Moskva" ("Evening Moscow") newspaper Prince Dolgorukoff was executed by order of the Soviet Peoples Commissars.

Accompanied by eighteen other men sentenced to capital punishment Prince Dolgorukoff was marched into the basement of the Lubanka Prison where a single revolver shot in the back of the head killed him and his companions in turn.

The execution of the Prince according to the Soviet newspaper has brought to light a dramatic story. The Prince had twice attempted to enter Russia to visit estates in the Kursk district where his family had hidden a store of treasure.

Last November Prince Dolgorukoff met a Russian in Paris who claimed to have influence with the Soviet Legation there. This Russian offered to obtain false passports to enter Russia and volunteered to accompany the Prince in order to show that there was no treachery intended. Crossing the Polish-Russian frontier the pair finally reached Kursk, where, in due course, Prince Dolgorukoff found the family treasure untouched. He divided the treasure with his guide, as arranged. A few hours later the Prince was arrested, his guide turning out to be a trusted Cheka agent, who had been sent from Moscow to lure him into Russia.

The treasure of the Dolgorukoff family has been confiscated, and the Cheka agent who betrayed the Prince, and whose name has not been disclosed, has been promoted.

Under modern conditions, there is no necessary place for sculpture except on the mantel-shelf or in the museum.—Mr. Eric Gill.

The modern woman's clothing resembles buried wire: it protects the property without obstructing the view.—Mrs. E. M. Wood.

NOTICE.

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